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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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***Ex Parte Notice***

**RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Tuesday, July 15, 2003, John Rose and Stuart Polikoff of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO) spoke via telephone with Commissioner Nanette Thompson of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and Lori Kenyon, a common carrier specialist at the Alaska Commission. We discussed OPASTCO's views on the Joint Board's proceeding concerning the methodology for calculating high-cost support in competitive study areas, the rules regarding support for second lines, and the process for designating eligible telecommunications carriers. We provided the Commissioner with a written ex parte presentation, which is attached.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,

Stuart Polikoff  
Director of Government Relations  
OPASTCO